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LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 1994 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to draw to your attention a communiqué in English on Bosnia and Herzegovina which was issued on 18 April 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed)

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Annex

[Original: English]

Statement on Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued on 18 April 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union condemns the continuing Bosnian Serb attacks on Gorazde in violation of the Security Council resolution and calls for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire in and around Gorazde and the pullback of Bosnian Serb forces, which threaten the security of Gorazde. This will enable the deployment of United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) forces to the town to take place.

All detained United Nations personnel should be released straight away and be allowed unrestricted freedom of movement in accordance with United Nations resolutions. The humanitarian effort, the passage of which through Bosnian-Serb-held territory is currently suspended, should be given unimpeded access to the people of Gorazde and more widely in Bosnia, including Sarajevo.

The European Union invites the State members of the European Union that are members of the Security Council to support the adoption without delay of a binding resolution in support of these objectives.

The European Union expresses its full support for the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNPROFOR commanders and confirms its support for Atlantic Alliance forces in their underpinning of United Nations action. It also pays tribute to the committed work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other volunteer agencies, which include many citizens of member States of the European Union, to continue their humanitarian mission despite the appalling difficulties they face on the ground. The European Union calls upon those nations which have promised additional forces to the United Nations to ensure that they arrive in Bosnia quickly.

A cease-fire in and around Gorazde is the first essential, and the European Union calls upon the Bosnian Serbs to honour their word in the negotiations chaired by the United Nations. This should be followed quickly by a general cease-fire throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. A general cease-fire would be a prelude to negotiations for a political settlement involving the whole of Bosnia.

To this end the Ministers also call for an intensified diplomatic effort by the international community, involving the United Nations, the European Union, the United States of America and the Russian Federation to ensure the convergence of their initiatives and to bring about talks between the parties at an early date based on the European Union plan and taking into account the Washington accord and the talks on the Krajinas.